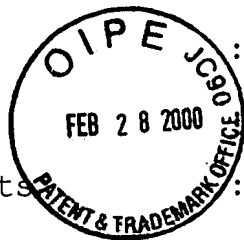


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to a December 23, 1999 Office Action in the above-identified application. That Action states that claims 46-52, 56-58, 61 and 62 are allowed and prosecution on the merits is closed except for formal matters.

The outstanding formal matters include (1) assurance of compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.801 through 1.809 regarding deposits of biological material pursuant to the Budapest Treaty; (2) compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 through 1.825 regarding DNA and protein sequence disclosures; and (3) submission of formal drawings.